

# Budget Unit Brief

## FY 2017



## Workbased Learning Intermediary Network - Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund

### Purpose

The Workbased Learning Intermediary Network appropriation funds a program administered by the Department of Education to prepare students for the workforce by connecting business and the education system, offering relevant, work-based learning activities to students and teachers. The steering committee for the Program includes representation from the Department of Workforce Development, the Economic Development Authority, the community colleges, the Regents institutions, accredited private institutions, area education agencies, school districts, and the Workplace Learning Connection. The steering committee is responsible for the implementation of the Statewide Workbased Learning Intermediary Network, including the designation of 15 regional networks.

### Funding

The Workbased Learning Intermediary Network appropriation was funded for the first time in FY 2014 and has received annual appropriations of \$1.5 million from the Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund. At that level of funding, the appropriation is allocated to the 15 regions on a competitive basis, based on annual learning plans submitted to the Department of Education.

If the appropriation level exceeds \$1.5 million, the statute requires that each region receive \$100,000, and the remaining funding is to be allocated to the regions using the formula established in statute for the annual General Aid appropriation to the community colleges.

Each regional network is required to match at least 25.0% of the state allocation through private donations, in-kind contributions, or other public moneys.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section [256.40](#)

[281](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [21](#)

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### More Information

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